

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 1, 2016. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Bob Conklin, Retha Elston, Joe Martin, Chris Schuchard, John Stauter, and Chris Wilen. Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, Superintendent of Building and Zoning Amanda Schmidt, Superintendent of Public Works Brad Schrader, Fire Chief Gary Cook, Interim Police Chief Tim Morgan, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Shirley Sharp asked if sewer rates would increase with the proposed water rate increase. Clerk Rombouts explained the water and sewer are separate bills. The City sewer rates will not be affected with the water rate increase from Illinois American Water Company.

Dennis Hemminger stated he was in attendance when the City passed the utility tax but was unable to offer his opinion that evening. He hopes the City takes into consideration the extra electricity used for pumping water and running dehumidifiers with the excess water recently.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A) City Council Minutes of January 18, 2016
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$1,267,116.42
- C) Accept all bids as presented for the 2016 MFT General Maintenance Materials

**Alliance Materials, Inc. of Dixon**

Type B Aggregate Surface Course (CA-6): 2,000 tons @ \$6.20/ton.

Total: \$12,400.00

**Conmat, Inc. of Freeport**

Bituminous Patching Mixture (Group I): 150 tons @ \$80.00/ton.

Total: \$12,000.00

➤ UPM Patch 1 ton @ \$120/ton. Total: \$120.00

Bituminous Mixture Complete: 200 tons @ \$50.00/ton. Total: \$10,000.00

**Rock Valley Services, Inc. of Sterling**

Bituminous Patching Mixture (Group I): 150 tons @ \$80.00/ton.

Total: \$12,000.00

Bituminous Mixture Complete: 200 tons @ \$60.00/ton. Total: \$12,000.00

The motion was seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Conklin, Elston, Martin, Schuchard, Stauter, and Wilen. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee stated that Manager Shumard is ill and the staff reports will be held at another meeting.

Clerk Rombouts reported a Study Session is tentatively scheduled for next Monday, February 8. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, because the City observes President's Day on February 15.

Alderman Martin stated that he prefers a study session following a regular meeting, especially a short one like this.

Alderman Conklin stated he was happy to hear that Tim Morgan was appointed as the Interim Police Chief.

Alderman Wilen asked if Superintendent Schmidt had any report on the motor home on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Schmidt stated there is also a boat in the back yard and she would call Wilen tomorrow.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk